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U.S. EPA TO BEGIN REMOVAL ACTION AT SHAFFER EQUIPMENT SITE IN MINDEN, WV

PHILADELPHIA - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has signed a funding request for the Shaffer Equipment Site in Minden, Fayette County, West Virginia. The request, signed on Wednesday, October 31, 1990, authorizes the Agency to begin the removal of PCB-contaminated soils at the site, a former transformer and capacitor rebuilding facility. EPA will be onsite on Thursday, November 1.

A removal action, involving the removal of 4,735 tons of contaminated materials, was completed at the site in December 1987. However, sampling conducted by the EPA, in Spring 1990, revealed the presence of soil contamination in excess of the established action level at five locations on site.

The current removal action to be conducted at the Shaffer Equipment Site is designed to eliminate the immediate threats to public health and the environment that are posed by PCB contamination at the site. The activities, which will be conducted onsite, will include the following:

- o Excavation of areas contaminated with PCBs at levels in excess of 50 parts per million (ppm) to a depth of approximately one foot (an estimated 200 cubic yards of soil),
- o Resampling of excavated areas to ensure levels below the established action level,
- o Backfilling of excavated areas with clean fill, and

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- o Transporting and disposing of excavated materials at an offsite Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA)-approved disposal facility.

The funding authorized for this action is \$704,790, bringing the total authorized expenditure for the Shaffer Equipment Site to \$4,460,237.

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